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TOTAL SANITATION CAMPAIGN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether this Ministry coordinates with the Ministry of Rural Development to make the Total Sanitation Campaign more popular and successful all over the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes,Sir. The National Rural Health Mission seeks to achieve its goals not as a stand alone initiative but through Intersectoral convergence with programmes run by allied Departments. The following initiatives are being undertaken for strengthening of convergence with health and Total Sanitation Compaign(TSC).

A common Village Committee to deal with water, sanitation and health issues has been advocated. The existing Village Water & Sanitation Committee to include health and to be renamed as Village Water Health & Sanitation Committee.

Use of Untied fund for water and sanitation activities.

A common District Committee to deal with Water, Sanitation and Health issues under the District Panchayati Raj Institutions to oversee preparation and implementation of Village health and sanitation plans.

Instructions have been disseminated to States through Joint DO letters to strengthen inter sectoral convergence initiatives which also includes integration of activities of State Water Sanitation Mission and District Water Sanitation Committee.

Involvement of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) as motivators for construction of toilets under TSC especially for BPL class

IEC materials on sanitation,to be given to ASHAs for creating awareness on health,sanitation and hygiene education.

Joint IEC Action plans on preventive and curative aspects of water, sanitation, health and hygiene to be prepared. Information may be provided for common messages of TSC & NRHM in all publicity material.

PHC doctors to be involved by including rubber stamps with health and sanitation messages on their prescription slips.

(c) The joint initiative would not only help in highlighting the importance of sanitation and water as determinants of good health but also help in preventing water & hygiene related morbidities and thereby positively impacting on the disease burden.